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PUBLICITY AND TRUSTS.

Ten per cent of the recognized wealth of the nation is represented in the corporations which under the anti-trust laws will be amenable to the publicity rules of the new Department of Commerce and Labor, which through supervisory will have a regulating effect and will without doubt clear the atmosphere in a short time. The census of 1900 gave the wealth of the nation as \$30,000,000,000 while the invested capital of the trusts which come under the law is put at \$9,000,000,000.

The figures as to the number of trusts are furnished by the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department and show the presence of 793 such combinations of capital. Of this total 340 are classified as natural or local trusts, which do business in one community alone and consequently do not come under the provisions of the anti-trust laws.

The remaining 453 are all engaged in interstate trade and will be compelled to report to the department. The value of these reports to the investors cannot be over-estimated. It will then be possible for the owner of shares to know just what is going on in the corporation and certainly the combinations doing legitimate, safe business will never object to having made public reports of transactions. It is the other kind of trusts that will be hit and they deserve it.

LAST OF HIS LINE.

Drawn by men of his race, preceded by the tabu sticks, surrounded by chief borne kahilis and escorted by a great turnout of mourning friends, and representatives of all branches of the government, the remains of Prince Albert Kuniuakea were laid to rest in the Mausoleum of his family yesterday. It was beneath leaden skies though the tear drops shed by nature were few and after the ceremony the sun broke through and beamed in promise from the western skies.

The ceremonies attendant upon the committing to its final resting place of the body of the last prince of the greatest dynasty ever known in Hawaii were impressive in the extreme. It was an occasion of more than usual feeling for the Hawaiians and their sincere grief was shared by their neighbors and the honors paid to the departed were both solemn and spontaneous. The throngs at the Executive building and upon the streets were great and the procession was one of the longest of recent years.

Not alone for the man was this tribute but as well for the last of his race. History has not placed its final estimate upon the Kamehamehas. The world has not produced a ruler whose aim after conquest, was more beneficent than that of the first of the name. An Emperor, though of a small domain, his talents fitted him for greatest efforts and accomplishments. His expressed desire in peace: To make his country so truly law abiding that the traveler might lie down to sleep by the roadside as secure from harm as he in his palace, stamps him as a ruler as well as a conqueror. That his line has ended is a matter for regret, for such blood would make good citizens under any flag.

The meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture this afternoon, when business and professional men will discuss what shall be done with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, will be an important one. There appears some wide differences between the Executive who wants a trained forestry expert and business men who believe a student of insect pests is invaluable. The place is either so important that it should have the best scientific head obtainable or so insignificant as to be useless. It is a matter of deep public concern and the best interests of the agriculturist would seem to lie in the determination by the legislators to co-operate with the Federal Experiment Station rather than to make plans which will mean a constant rekindling between the station and the local officer. There should be some middle ground.

The Indian Commissioner says the Red man must work to progress and Booker Washington is telling the Black man the same. The Yellow man learned it centuries ago and the White man practices it when he cannot find a "graft." The Brown man is learning the lesson, though perhaps still in the primary grade and will soon be represented with all the other vari-hued "slaves" in the Blue class, which contains so many unsuccessful laborers.

The new Kansas saloon-smasher is called Boise but if she keeps up her work will drop down the alphabetical list until she reaches the "N" block.

There is no room in Hawaii for a trust in agriculture and the Chinese will find it impossible to corner pine-apples.

THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.

The Advertiser's suggestion that the striking out of the salary of Electrical Inspector Hasson by the Senate, was through the influence of the electrical companies, has brought forth strong disclaimers from the Rapid Transit and Hawaiian Electric Company. Representatives of both these companies assert that not only do they have no objection to an inspector, but that they strongly desire his retention not only as a protection to the public, but for the protection of the companies themselves, from careless and incompetent wiring and bad workmanship, of which there is a plenty in the city.

The only company with whom the Inspector is brought into contact, yet to be heard from, is the Telephone company. The general belief is that Inspector Hasson's "pernicious activity" in compelling that company to partially remedy the disgraceful conditions of its lines, has brought upon his head its hostility and that this is the basis of the rear attack upon that officer.

If an injustice is being done the Telephone company in this respect, it should make it known speedily, by joining with the Rapid Transit and Electric companies in asking for the retention of the office of Electrical Inspector.

Evidence of the clear cut style in which Inspector Hasson expresses himself, and of the fearless, independent and straightforward way in which he does business, is contained in his report now before the Legislature.

The way in which he handles the Telephone company without gloves, also furnishes a foundation for the belief that the Telephone company is more anxious for his room than his company.

EXTRACTS FROM ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

"The Mutual Telephone Company refused to construct a line on Thurston avenue in accordance with Government requirements.

"A few simple and easily comprehended rules and requirements governing the construction of poles and overhead wires were formulated, in the hope that they would be voluntarily adopted by the electric light and telephone companies.

"The Hawaiian Electric Co. has willingly complied with some of the requirements.

"The Mutual Telephone Company disputed the right of the Government to dictate.

"It was then decided to make a systematic examination of existing pole lines and overhead wires and notify the owners of defective construction noted.

"The results of this examination to date are:

Number of notices sent..... 110
Number of notices acknowledged..... 15
Defects reported..... 1871
Defects corrected..... 40

CONDITION OF EXISTING OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LIGHT AND TELEPHONE LINES.

"The data given in the appendix covers approximately half of the pole-lines in Honolulu, but this half is on the more important streets and the better class of construction. An examination of this data shows:

"1. A large percentage of the poles are in decidedly bad condition.

"2. Poles lack uniformity in size and shape.

"3. Poles are decayed, crooked, unpainted, uncared for and unsightly.

"4. Poles are located and maintained independent of the rights of the public to the use of sidewalks or streets.

"5. Unnecessary and dead poles encumber the streets and sidewalks.

"6. Outside of Government poles there is no indication of ownership of poles.

"7. When streets are improved the companies are unwilling to make pole construction harmonious with street improvements.

"8. Cross arm construction is abnormally ungainly and insecure.

"9. Poor grades of insulators are in general use.

"10. Lines cross and recross streets at random and unnecessarily; insecure lines carrying high and dangerous potentials passing over and under still more insecure unprotected telephone and signal wires.

"11. Service wires cross streets on long diagonal stretches instead of at right angles. Service wires do not cross street on uniform level, but are run at haphazard to the nearest point on buildings.

"In brief, service wire construction is cheap in every sense, except an economic one, and bad electrically and mechanically.

"12. Telephone wires and signal wires are installed with utter disregard of the existence of anything but the telephone system.

"13. Telephone lines considered by themselves alone and in view of the service they presumably give show a lack of application of the most ordinary rules of electrical and mechanical construction.

"14. The Government lines are in fairly good condition, the majority of the defects noted with regard to them being chargeable to other lines carried on Government poles.

"15. The attitude of the Hawaiian Electric Co., Ltd., is to make construction on fairly proper lines but to avoid as far as possible the expense of remodeling decrepit lines.

"16. The attitude of the Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd., is not only non-compliant but distinctly aggressive to Government control or supervision.

"17. The attitude of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Co. is to consult the Government as to its wishes and to give consideration to the rights and interests of the public.

It is gossip that an attempt will be made to loot the House Expense appropriation to the extent of \$1,500 in the interest of a former would-be leader of the majority party who aspires to be known as the builder of the Long City bill. The report is that for his services in drawing the measure and as well working to secure a majority to force that measure ahead of Republican bills he will receive the fee from the Territory. Certain it is that he will only win after a battle, for those opposing the plan are fighters.

Now that Superintendent of Public Works Cooper is back the Chinese Fund Committee will ask him questions that might as well have been asked within the five days in which the committee was supposed to report when appointed.

The returns from a guava jelly factory, in the opinion of the Maui News, would exceed that of a similar investment in sugar, all of which may turn the attention of small capitalists to the many sided opportunities of Hawaii.

There is work and again work, and the people will not feel like applauding the Legislature if its labors are confined to kahuna and new road resolutions and bills, no matter how hard that work is.

Iao Valley and the other scenic parts of Maui need roads and should have them, and if the Territory does not give them consideration the County of Maui surely will.

If Mr. Bruner will add a superior pineapple, a hardy banana and a more prolific coffee tree to the Hawaiian range of products he will be a benefactor.

BISHOP MOORE TO ARRIVE TODAY

Bishop David H. Moore, head of the Methodist Church in Japan, China and Korea, will arrive in Honolulu today in the Siberia, accompanied by Homer Eaton, head of the Methodist publishing business, now en route to Japan, to open up a new depository, and Dr. M. C. Harris, the latter to remain in Honolulu for some time to assist Rev. Mr. Pearson in Japanese work. Bishop Moore will speak in the Methodist Church this evening at 7:30. He will also ordain Mr. T. Komuro, a Japanese, as a deacon.

W. G. Alexander, of the Sperry Flour Company, of San Jose, spoke at the Methodist Church last evening, and told of the success of the coffee saloon in San Jose. Tea, coffee and sandwiches were sold, and the last month's business brought in about \$2,000.

MAY LOSE THE DOWSETT LEASE

United States Attorney Breckons yesterday cabled to the Attorney General that he would be unable to secure an extension of two months on one of the Kahauliki leases and it is possible that arrangements may be made for taking up the lease before the present option expires. The Dowsett Estate has, it is reported, refused to extend further the option given to the United States, though the Star Dairy has agreed to the proposition.

No reply has been received from Attorney General Knox as yet though it is possible that if arrangements can be made in any way possible the option will be taken up at once.

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